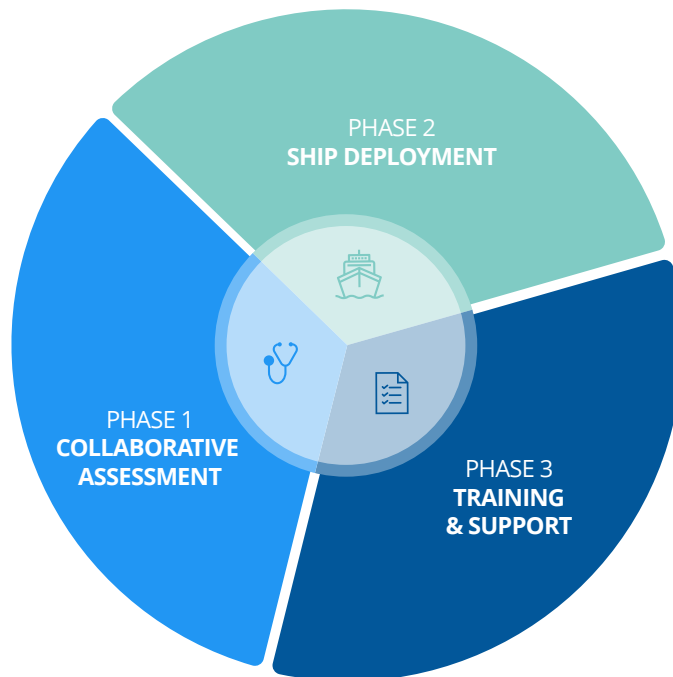




# The Country Engagement Plan

## Partnership Model



### PHASE 1. COLLABORATIVE ASSESSMENT

Mercy Ships listens, builds relationships and collaborates with the Presidential Office, Ministry of Health, other departments of the government, and non-governmental organizations. A collaborative effort has an increased impact. A protocol of commitment is signed, taking into account World Health Organization targets.

An analysis of capacity needs within the local healthcare system is undertaken, establishing where assistance will be most effective. The Assessment Team will examine surgical and ancillary service capacity, the port, security, and build rapport with key stakeholders. An Advance Team will enhance the effectiveness of the ship deployment by preparing for the ship's arrival.

### PHASE 2. SHIP DEPLOYMENT

For 10 months, a Mercy Ship is docked in the host nation's port, providing free surgical and dental care for thousands of people, training and mentoring for local healthcare workers, renovations for local facilities and more.

### PHASE 3. TRAINING & SUPPORT

Project implementers return to understand any challenges faced by local healthcare professionals in implementing learned materials and skills, provide further instruction, as well as offer encouragement and additional input.

On subsequent visits, teams ascertain how the work of Mercy Ships changed the lives of patients and trained healthcare professionals and evaluate the sustained hospital and clinic improvement. Lessons learned are used to inform future field services.